



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

LIBRARY COMMISSION

After Action
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 8, 2004

Morgan Hill Civic Center
Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue

LIBRARY COMMISSION	
Chair	Jeanne Gregg
Vice-Chair	Charles Dillmann
Commissioner	Kathleen Stanaway
Commissioner	Charles Cameron
Commissioner	George Nale
Commissioner	Mary Ellen Salzano
Commissioner	Einar Anderson
Commissioner	Ruth Phebus
Commissioner	Vacant

7:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gregg called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Absent: Commissioner Stanaway

DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Pledge was led by Chair Gregg

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

1. COUNTY LIBRARY REPORT

Legislation-Funding & Budgeting

County Librarian Melinda Cervantes
Deputy County Librarian Sarah Flowers

Deputy County Librarian Sarah Flowers provided the County Library report. She reported the Measure B election failed. It did not receive the required 2/3 vote for approval. Ms. Flowers stated she did not have the breakdown of the vote by each City, but would forward that to the Commissioners when that information is available. She added that the library staff might have to go through the election results precinct by precinct in order to get that information.

The JPA will hold a budget study session on March 25th. This meeting will provide more information on the effect the failure of Measure B will have on the Library budget. Ms. Flowers stated the Library expects a deficit during FY04/05. It is unlikely decisions will be made at this meeting but the JPA will examine the potential effects budgetary cuts will have on services, materials maintenance, supplies, personnel etc. She stated the Library is looking to make cuts which are equitable throughout the system. This might include phasing-in the cuts beginning next fiscal year.

Commissioner Phebus asked if the measure will be on the ballot again and Ms. Flowers stated a year must pass before the JPA can form another special facilities district or any committees can be formed. The earliest the Measure could be on the ballot again is June 2005. It would be a special election and special elections are very expensive.

Joint Powers Authority

Council Member Steve Tate

Council Member Tate was unable to attend the meeting. This item addressed in Item 1 above.

2. MORGAN HILL LIBRARY REPORT

Community Librarian
Nancy Howe

Ms. Howe reported January 2004 now holds the record for the highest circulation – 57,766. This is 6.53% above January 2003. There are only 3 libraries that are showing an increase in circulation. These include Morgan Hill, Milpitas and Saratoga.

As part of the on-going outreach to youth, Ms. Howe announced there will be a poetry workshop for teens held on March 13 and a Poetry Slam held on March 27.

The fine for overdue books was raised from .20 cents to .25 cents in January. Ms. Howe reported the self-check machine is not providing an accurate count of the number of books checked-out through this system. The library has requested this machine be replaced.

3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Vice-Chair Dillmann

Vice-Chair Dillmann reported Senator Dede Alpert's new library bond has moved forward. The hearing process will begin at the end of the month. There will be a provision included in the bill, which reserves part of the funding for those applicants in Cycle III which received a rating of "Very Good" but did not receive funding.

Ms. Flowers announced Library Legislation Day will be held on 4/21. All Library Commissioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

4. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair England
Vice-Chair O'mahen

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINTUES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Vice-Chair Dillmann motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Approved (7:0)

BUSINESS

6. LIBRARY COMMISSION BOOTH AT SOUTH COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO – JUNE 2, 2004

Recommended Action: Action Item. The Library Commission will vote to approve reserving and manning a booth at Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce South County Business Expo to present the site options for the new Library. There will be a charge of \$350 for the booth.

Vice Chair Dillmann stated the last Business Expo was not been as well attended as in past years and perhaps it is not the correct audience for information on the new library. Chair Gregg asked if information regarding the new library could be available at the Mushroom Mardi Gras. Staff Balagso stated the City will have a booth for the Aquatics Center at the Mushroom Mardi Gras. She will research as to whether the Library might be able to join or share the booth with the Aquatics Center. Chair Gregg suggested this item be tabled to April once the information on the Mushroom Mardi Gras was available. Commissioner Cameron motioned to table this item to April. Vice Chair Dillmann seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0).

7. LIBRARY COMMISSION AND VISIT AND TOUR TO EITHER SARATOGA OR VINELAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Recommended Action: Action Item. The Library Commission will vote to visit and tour either the Saratoga Library or Vineland Library in San Jose. The tour will provide the Commission with the opportunity to view a new state-of-the-art library.

Staff Balagso asked the members of the Library Commission if there was interest in touring either the new Vineland Library in San Jose or the Saratoga Library. Both libraries were designed by the architectural firm of Field/Paoli. Rocke Garcia has retained this firm to design the proposed library on the Sun Sweet site. Commissioner Phebus suggested the Commission visit both libraries. She stated Vineland is very innovative in lay-out and overall design. The Commission would be able to

get a lot of ideas from both libraries.

Commissioner Salzano suggested the field trip be postponed until the new Commissioners were appointed. She suggested this item be tabled until May. Commissioner Nale motioned to table this item to May. Vice Chair Dillmann seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0).

8. LIBRARY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT & TIMELINE

Recommended Action: Information Item. Chair Gregg will provide an update on the Library Sub-Committee meeting. The timeline developed by Council Member Tate for the Sub-Committee's recommendation on a Library site will be distributed.

Chair Gregg reported Rocke and Glenda Garcia presented information on the concepts for the proposed library on the Sun Sweet site. They have retained the firm of Field/Paoli to begin the process of developing conceptual designs. One of the ideas they presented was to include a promenade on Third Street for pedestrian traffic. The design also includes a gate from the train station (reminiscent of Sather Gate at UC Berkeley) at the entrance to the promenade and a statue of the Murphy family waiting for a train. Commissioner Nale stated he believes the downtown location might make it difficult for students to walk to the library from school. Other Commissioners expressed their concerns regarding the limited parking in the downtown area and that the design of the library calls for 2-stories.

Chair Gregg stated the timeline provided by Council Member Tate is very aggressive. She added if this time line was going to work, the public must be informed of the library options. Commissioner Anderson stated he believes there are two issues to be considered: 1) site selection, and 2) funding. He asked if funding had been discussed during the Sub-Committee meetings. Chair Gregg stated no funding decisions have been made and that the City's current allocation for the new library does not provide adequate funding for any of the library options: 1) renovation/expansion of the current site, 2) new library on site selected for state library grant application, and 3) Sun Sweet site. Commissioner Cameron stated he is afraid that if the funds for the library from the Redevelopment Agency are not used in the near future, they will be redirected to another project. Commissioner Phebus stated the Commission should not worry about funding sources at this point, getting the City to approve building a new library is the issue at this time. Commissioner Salzano expressed her concern regarding the City's plans to build a new library when there is not adequate funding for any of the proposed options at this time.

Chair Gregg announced the April 12th meeting will be televised and there will be opportunity for public comment on the current options for the Library. Both the City and Rocke Garcia will present the options for the proposed library.

8. BROADCAST OF APRIL 8, 2004 LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING

Recommended Action: Information Item. The April 8, 2004 meeting will be a public hearing on the prospective library sites. A presentation on each site will be conducted. The meeting will be broadcast on Channel 17.

The April 12th meeting will be broadcast on public access channel 17. There will be an opportunity for public comment on the current options for a library site. Commissioner Salzano suggested applicants interested in serving on the Library Commission either attend or view the April 12th meeting on television. This will allow applicants to gain background on the issues before the Commission. Staff Balagso will communicate this recommendation to the City Clerk.

9. LIBRARY COMMISSIONER TERMS

Recommended Action: Information Item. The terms of four Commissioners will expire on April 30, 2004: 1) Vice Chair Dillmann; 2) Commissioner Anderson; 3) Commissioner Cameron; and 4) Commissioner Salzano. The vacant position might remain vacant per City Council direction.

Four Commissioners terms will expire in April. A new Chair and Vice-Chair will be appointed at the next meeting. Staff Balagso stated the terms of the current Commissioners could be extended if the Council has not made the new appointments to the Commission by the April meeting. She added the City Clerk reported she has received a strong pool of applicants which consists of both current Commissioners and new applicants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chair Dillmann announced the Sister City Committee is moving forward with plans to obtain a case for the Community and Cultural Center that will display for gifts and other items from the Sister City Committee.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Commissioners have requested that the following agenda items be placed on the Library Commission agenda for the next meeting or on a future date:

1. Public Hearing – Library site options
2. Booth at South Valley Business Expo and Mushroom Mari Gras
3. Field trip to Vineland and Saratoga Libraries
4. Fundraising for Library – Speaker from Saratoga
5. School/Library Cooperation
6. Vision for the Library of the Future

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting scheduled on **April 12, 2004 at 7:15 p.m.** in City Council Chambers.

Commissioner Cameron moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Motion approved (7:0)